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TURKEYS

NUMBER RAISED

1970 INTENTIONS

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GROWERS INTEND TO RAISE MORE TURKEYS IN 1970

Turkey growers intend to raise 5 percent more turkeys in 1970 than in 1969 according to the Crop Reporting Board. Present plans of growers are to increase heavy breeds 5 percent and increase light breeds 1 percent. If producers carry out present intentions, the 1970 turkey crop would total about 112 million and would be the third largest crop of record. In 1969, 106 million were raised. Increased production is planned in all regions with the largest change in the West. Increases are North Atlantic, 1 percent; North Central, 3 percent; South Atlantic and South Central combined, 6 percent; and West up 8 percent.

Growers plan to produce 100.3 million heavy breed turkeys in 1970. Heavy breed turkeys will account for about 90 percent of the total turkeys to be raised in 1970, compared with 89 percent in 1969 and 88 percent in 1968. Increases are planned for heavy breeds in all regions except the North Atlantic which shows virtually no change. Increases planned are: North Central, 4 percent; South Atlantic and South Central combined, 5 percent; and the West, 8 percent.

Producers intend to raise 11.5 million light breed turkeys in 1970. The number to be raised is 1 percent larger than 1969 and is up in all regions except the North Central where a 4 percent drop is expected. Increases planned are: North Atlantic, 1 percent; West, 6 percent; South Atlantic and South Central combined 14 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 1970 may vary somewhat from the January 1, 1970 intentions of growers. Such changes may depend on reactions to this report, price of feed, supply and prices of hatching eggs and poults, and prices received for turkeys during the next few months. On January 1, 1969 growers intended to produce 3 percent more turkeys in 1969 than in 1968. The number produced in 1969 was about the same as in 1968. The number of light breeds raised showed the largest decline from intentions although heavy breeds declined slightly.

Testings of all heavy breed turkeys July through December 1969 were down 2 percent from the corresponding period in 1968. The July-December testings of light breeds were down 28 percent.

Turkeys: Number raised 1969 and intended number to be raised
in 1970, by breeds, by States

State	1969			1970			Total
	Heavy breeds	Light breeds	Total	Heavy breeds	Light breeds	Total	turkeys : 1970 as : % of 1969
	<u>1,000 head</u>						<u>Percent</u>
Maine	12	2	14	13	2	15	107
New Hampshire	28	3	31	26	3	29	94
Vermont	8	0	8	8	1	9	112
Massachusetts	223	20	243	230	21	251	103
Rhode Island	12	0	12	10	0	10	83
Connecticut	104	7	111	99	7	106	95
New York	358	54	412	344	57	401	97
New Jersey	104	7	111	105	7	112	101
Pennsylvania	1,678	250	1,928	1,704	250	1,954	101
Ohio	3,429	498	3,927	3,395	702	4,097	104
Indiana	3,515	107	3,622	3,304	218	3,522	97
Illinois	658	14	672	711	32	743	111
Michigan	825	62	887	800	60	860	97
Minnesota & Wisconsin	13,844	5,873	19,717	15,216	5,060	20,276	103
Iowa	5,730	48	5,778	5,959	50	6,009	104
Missouri	7,934	54	7,988	7,934	150	8,084	101
North Dakota	764	135	899	902	185	1,087	121
South Dakota	450	644	1,094	427	686	1,113	102
Nebraska	701	10	711	816	15	831	117
Kansas	357	3	360	361	3	364	101
Delaware	21	129	150	16	110	126	84
Maryland	88	7	95	62	5	67	71
Virginia	3,381	804	4,185	3,754	849	4,603	110
West Virginia	455	222	677	478	222	700	103
North Carolina	8,101	1,318	9,419	8,506	1,582	10,088	107
South Carolina	2,540	0	2,540	2,540	0	2,540	100
Georgia	1,631	4	1,635	1,717	0	1,717	105
Kentucky	58	0	58	23	0	23	40
Tennessee	15	0	15	10	0	10	67
Alabama	627	13	640	13	14	27	4
Mississippi	40	1	41	34	1	35	85
Arkansas	1/	1/	6,661	1/	1/	6,925	104
Louisiana	6	0	6	4	0	4	67
Oklahoma	1/	1/	1,340	1/	1/	1,544	115
Texas	6,963	62	7,025	8,007	130	8,137	116
Colorado	2,439	3	2,442	2,634	3	2,637	108
Utah	3,208	1	3,209	3,400	1	3,401	106
Nevada	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Washington	390	184	574	402	167	569	99
Oregon	1/	1/	1,812	1/	1/	1,978	109
California	14,906	226	15,132	16,248	271	16,519	109
Other States 2/	97	138	235	97	149	246	105
United States	95,091	11,325	106,416	100,283	11,487	111,770	105

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Florida and Arizona. Estimates are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.